

# FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH

## WEEKLY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

August 24-31, 2017



### **Worship Service This Weekend**

**Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 10:00am**

**"Stumbling on the Journey"**

**Thom Snell, preaching**

**Ahlia Kitwana, co-leading**

Music provided by Zach Zwahlen

Our plate collection will help support our church.

### **Gratitudes, Joys and Sorrows**

Thanks to Bi-Fri's Dave Schwartz and Howard Cone for offering their expertise, tools, labor, mentoring and love for our youth community in helping them transform Room 224 in a more welcoming, cabin-like space! The Bi-Fri team also took on an even larger project, refinishing the exterior doors around the church. Pictured is a before and after of their work on the back door. Magnificent! Thank you Bi-Fri's for all you do!

We are sad to share that **Jacque Cady** recently died of pancreatic cancer. A memorial will be held at First Universalist Church on Clinton Ave. on **Saturday, September 2 at 10:30am**.

If you have a concern about a member of our congregation, please don't hesitate to contact Rev. Tina at 585-271-9070 x104.

### **Happening This Week**

**Roof Update:** Roof work begins **Monday, August 28** and equipment has started to arrive! Please be advised that the staff parking lot is closed until further notice. Do not attempt to park there at all, please use the main lot or Winton Road.

A **Blood Drive** will be held in the Williams Gallery on **Tuesday, August 29, 1:00-6:00pm**. Look for posters around the church. There will be a \$5 Target e-gift card given to donors. Go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment or contact Suzy Farrell at [suzmacefa@gmail.com](mailto:suzmacefa@gmail.com) or 585-747-6379.

### **Register Now for Religious Education**

Please be sure your children or grandchildren are registered for Religious Education (6 months through 18yrs)! To register, [click here](#). For more information, contact Sheila Schuh at [sheila@theschuhs.net](mailto:sheila@theschuhs.net).

### **Unirondack Fall Camping Registration**

First Unitarian members and friends have enjoyed a weekend getaway at Unirondack for over 20 years. Together we enjoy hiking, canoeing, playing games, and getting to know one another while chatting, cooking, or reading by the fire – in and among thousands of acres of a "forever wild" forest. We share community meals and enjoy rustic cabins (bunks with mattresses) while admiring the fall foliage. Sound like fun? Join us! This year it will be held **Friday, September 29 – Sunday, October 1**. Space is limited. Adults \$90, Teens \$75, 5-12 \$60, under 5 free. Payable at time of registration only. Questions? Contact the Unirondack Planning Team at [Unirondack.RochesterUU@gmail.com](mailto:Unirondack.RochesterUU@gmail.com).

### **Calls to Action**

#### **Job Openings at First Unitarian!**

We are seeking an individual to become our **Volunteer Coordinator: Social Justice and School Partnership**. If you're interested in exploring this important role further with our selection committee comprised of Church staff and members, apply online via [Indeed](#).

We are currently seeking a **Director of Early Childhood in our Religious Education program** to provide safe, loving, consistent childcare and Unitarian Universalist teaching for young children. For more information, contact Sheila Schuh at [sheila@theschuhs.net](mailto:sheila@theschuhs.net).

We hear "Oh I keep forgetting" too often when people see the **Brighton Food Cupboard** food cart. When you shop, put a can or box in your cart so it will be there on Sunday. Cereal, canned milk, juice as well as any of the usual suspects are welcome. Contact person: Alison Wilder, 585-342-2459, [awilder@frontiernet.net](mailto:awilder@frontiernet.net).

### **Other News and Reminders**

**Who are the Bi-Fri's?** They are a caring group of mostly golden agers, who provide volunteer labor and skills for the church. The group had its origins from Roger Coakley, a very energetic and extremely helpful volunteer. Later, the group was formalized by the late Bob Brennan as a helpful, social group that made small repairs around the church. The concept was formally adopted by the Board of Trustees in November of 1995, when the group was officially acknowledged as the Bi-Fri Social Club. In the past 20-odd years, they have worked on many projects, large and small, generally doing small repairs or projects that frequently go unnoticed. Over the years, Bi-Friers have saved the church many thousands of dollars in repairs that would otherwise have been hired out. There is a tool room in the basement that is fairly well equipped, and many times volunteers will bring their own resources when needed.

This is a large church with a number of needs, and we could use more energy and help. Generally we meet the first and third Friday of each month (Bi-Fridays). If you would like to help, or would like more information, please call Dave Schwardt at 585-671-6670. Or, if you have an expertise that could help the maintenance of this church, the Bi-Friers would like to know about it.

**Homecoming Services** will be **Sunday, September 10 at 9:30am and 11:15am.**